to be covered under this scheme and how many of them have so far been benefited from it;

(d) whether Government propose to extend the scheme for other farmers of the State as well; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) to (e) Under the Million Wells Scheme (MWS) started by the Ministry of Rural Development 1988-89 and continuing as a sub-scheme of Jawahar Rojgar Yojana (JRY) from 1989-90, open irrigation wells are provided free of cost to the poor small and marginal farmers *belonging to SC/ST and free/bonded* labourers. 20% of the total allocation of JRY is being earmarked for this scheme. Where wells are not feasible due to geological factors, the amount allocated under MWS can be utilised for other schemes of minor irrigation etc. The amount allocated under the scheme can not be diverted for any other scheme nor for category other than SCs/STs and free bonded labourers. The number of wells constructed and the expenditure incurred thereon (including expenditure incurred on other minor irrigation works and land development works) in Madhya Pradesh since 1988-89 are 81355 (upto August, 1992) and Rs. 143.90 crores (upto June, 1992) respectively.

Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) of the Ministry of Rural Development, which is under implementation since 1980-81, subsidy is given to SC/ST families for construction of tubewells/dugwells etc. at the rate of 50% of project cost with no monetary ceilings. In addition, State Governments may through their own agencies take free boring and blasting in the land of SC/ST farmers subject to monetary ceiling of Rs. five thousand. In Madhya Pradesh a total number of 1,73,000 SC/ST families (including families who were given assistance for minor irrigation) were covered under IRDP in 1991-92. Assistance for irrigation under IRDP can also be availed by non SC/ST families belonging to small and marginal farmers category and having income level below a specified cut off line. The pattern of subsidy for small farmers other than SC/ST is 25% and that for marginal farmer is 33-1/3%

**Inter State Water Disputes**

4023. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring all the rivers of inter State importance under the Centre-list in the Indian Constitution;

*(b) if not, what measures are under* contemplation for quick settlement of inter-State river-water disputes; and

(c) whether Government propose to constitute as apex level Supreme Judicial Institution with adequate judicial powers to implement its decision on river-water disputes on utilisation between two or more States?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) According to Entry 56 of List-I (Union List) of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, regulation and development of inter-State rivers and river valleys to the extent to which such regulation and development under the control of the Union is declared by parliament by law to be expedient in the public interest, becomes responsibility of the Central Government.

(b) Government have already enacted Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 to provide for adjudication of disputes relating to waters of inter-State rivers and river valleys and River Boards Act, 1956 to provide for establishment of River Boards for the regulation and development of inter-State rivers and river valleys. A standing Committee on inter-State issues in water resources, under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Water Resources with

Members drawn from National Water Resources Council has also been constituted in April, 1990 to arrange and expedite negotiated settlement of inter-state issues,

(c) As per Section 11 of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956, notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, neither the Supreme Court nor any other Court shall have or exercise jurisdiction in respect of any water dispute which may be referred to the Tribunal under this Act. Also as per Section 6 of the Act, the decision of the Tribunal, published by the Central Government in the Official Gazette becomes final and binding on the parties to the dispute.

**Inter-Linking of Rivers in U.P.**

4024. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations to inter-link rivers for checking the menace of flood in Uttar Pradesh causing damages to properties every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take any action on these requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) No such representations have been received by Government.

(a) to (b) Do not arise.

**Clearance of Irrigation Projects for Uttar Pradesh**

4025. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some irrigation projects relating to Uttar Pradesh are pending with Central Government for clearance;

(b) if so, the details of these projects with estimated expenditure to be made on each such project;

(c) whether any of these projects has since been accorded approval;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when, these projects are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA) : (a), (b) and (e) Details of Irrigation Projects with the Centre for Techno-economic appraisal are given as per Statement attached. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) During the current year, three new schemes namely Gyanpur pump canal, Pathari Dam and Modernisation of Upper Ganga Canal (Phase-I) were given investment clearance in April, 92, July, 92 and July, 92 respectively. Their estimated cost and ultimate irrigation benefits are Rs. 110.51 crores, 12.54 crores, 467.76 crores and 65,415 hectares (ha), 2,800 ha, and 36,688 ha. respectively. In addition revised estimate of two projects namely increasing capacity of Nagapur pump canal and Deekali pump canal amounting to Rs. 52 crores and Rs. 35.24 crores respectively have been approved.

**Statement**

*Status of Techno-Economic Appraisal of Irrigation Projects in U.P*

(Cost in Rs. Lakhs / Benefits in hectares)

| Name of Project | Districts benefited | Area benefited | Updated cost | Status of appraisal |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maudaha Dam (on-going) | Hamirpur | 27,700 | 6682 | Considered by the Advisory committee in 11/79. The State Government is required to obtain clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests. |